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Memorandum

To: Examiner Marianne Huseman
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From: Steven J. Shapiro
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Date: October 11, 2002

Subject: Serial No.: 09/474,326

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/474,326
 Our Docket #E-977

It is my understanding that the facsimile transmission of October 7, 2002, was received by you incomplete; specifically, the second page of our "Letter Regarding Non-Receipt by PTO Of Response Filed By The Applicants On July 15, 2002" was missing.

In accordance with your telephone conversation of today with my assistant, Angie Altavilla, enclosed is the missing page, together with the first page of said "Letter Regarding Non-Receipt by PTO Of Response Filed By The Applicants On July 15, 2002" so that you may have the complete document.

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 Attention: Examiner Marianne Huseman, Group Art Unit: 2161
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1. Letter Regarding Non-Receipt by PTO of Response filed by the Applicants on July 15, 2002 (2 pages);

On October 11, 2002
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:) Attorney Docket No.: E-977
Thomas J. Foth et al.) Group Art Unit: 2161
Serial No.: 09/474,326) Examiner: Marianne Huseman
Filed: December 29, 1999) Date: October 7, 2002
Title: METHOD FOR FACILITATING A TRANSACTION BETWEEN A
MERCHANT AND A BUYER

**LETTER REGARDING NON-RECEIPT BY PTO
OF RESPONSE FILED BY THE APPLICANTS ON JULY 15, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

During a recent telephone conversation between the Examiner and the Attorney of Record, Steven J. Shapiro, Applicants were informed that the Patent and Trademark Office has never received a response to the last Office Action mailed on March 15, 2002, which was due on June 15, 2002, and that the subject case, Attorney Docket E-977 would be "abandoned".

Attorney Shapiro informed the Examiner that indeed a response was filed on July 15, 2002, together with a Petition for a one-month extension of time. A copy of said response, consisting of the received Postcard Receipt, the Petition and Fee for Extension of Time, the Amendment Transmittal Letter and the Amendment together with the Certificate of Mailing, is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

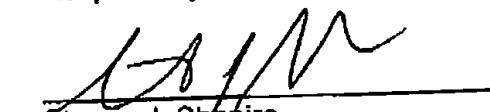
This Application should not go abandoned for the reason that a response was timely filed with a one-month extension of time.

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We await the next Office Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,


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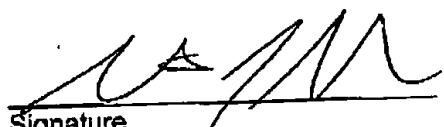
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